

The House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 453:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to contracts and purchases by public schools, so as to urge the use of biodiesel fuels  
3 in certain vehicles operated by local school districts; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the  
4 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and  
5 municipal corporations, so as to urge the use of biodiesel fuels in certain vehicles operated  
6 by local governments; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 50 of the Official Code of  
7 Georgia Annotated, relating to purchase and use of motor vehicles by state government, so  
8 as to urge the use of biodiesel fuels in certain vehicles operated by state government; to  
9 provide legislative findings and declarations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 14 (1) Georgia currently consumes nearly 6.5 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel  
15 annually;
- 16 (2) Gasoline and diesel production depends primarily on imported petroleum;
- 17 (3) Using clean alternative fuels instead of fossil fuels can provide for a cleaner  
18 environment by reducing air and water contamination;
- 19 (4) Specifically, use of clean renewable fuels such as biodiesel and ethanol can provide  
20 additional benefits for this state;
- 21 (5) This state has the potential to create a biofuels industry that would serve as a model  
22 for the southern United States and attract additional industries;
- 23 (6) Biofuels industry could add over \$1 billion of economic activity to this state and  
24 increase the state's income tax collection by over \$10 million annually;

(7) Nearly 500 direct and over 1,000 indirect jobs could be created by biofuels industry in this state; and

(8) Creating a biofuels industry can add additional value to Georgia's agricultural and forestry commodities, including biomass, and support land values in rural areas of this state.

## SECTION 2.

Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools, is amended by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-504.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Biodiesel blend' means a blend of petroleum diesel fuel and biodiesel fuel.

(2) 'Biodiesel fuel' means a fuel that meets the specifications of American Society for Testing and Materials Standard D 6751.

(b) On and after January 1, 2008, at least 2 percent of the total volume of fuel purchased annually by each local school district for use in diesel engine motor vehicles it operates may be biodiesel fuel, to the extent that biodiesel blend is available and compatible with the technology of the vehicles or equipment used and the cost to the local school district of available biodiesel blend at time of purchase does not exceed the cost to the local school district of unblended petroleum diesel fuel at such time. This subsection may apply to local school districts that receive state funds."

## SECTION 3.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Biodiesel blend' means a blend of petroleum diesel fuel and biodiesel fuel.

(2) 'Biodiesel fuel' means a fuel that meets the specifications of American Society for Testing and Materials Standard D 6751.

(b) On and after January 1, 2008, at least 2 percent of the total volume of fuel purchased annually by each county, municipality, or consolidated government or authority thereof for use in diesel engine motor vehicles it operates may be biodiesel fuel, to the extent that biodiesel blend is available and compatible with the technology of the vehicles or

1 equipment used and the cost to the local government of available biodiesel blend at time  
2 of purchase does not exceed the cost to the local government of unblended petroleum diesel  
3 fuel at such time."

#### 4 **SECTION 4.**

5 Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
6 purchase and use of motor vehicles by state government, is amended by inserting a new Code  
7 section to read as follows:

8 "50-19-6.1.

9 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

10 (1) 'Biodiesel blend' means a blend of petroleum diesel fuel and biodiesel fuel.

11 (2) 'Biodiesel fuel' means a fuel that meets the specifications of American Society for  
12 Testing and Materials Standard D 6751.

13 (b) On and after January 1, 2008, at least 2 percent of the total volume of fuel purchased  
14 annually by each department, commission, board, bureau, authority, or agency of the state  
15 for use in diesel engine motor vehicles it operates may be biodiesel fuel, to the extent that  
16 biodiesel blend is available and compatible with the technology of the vehicles or  
17 equipment used and the cost to the state government entity of available biodiesel blend at  
18 time of purchase does not exceed the cost to the state government entity of unblended  
19 petroleum diesel fuel at such time."

#### 20 **SECTION 5.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.